

# THE LEDGER.

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## WELCOME.

One by one the wooden awnings

Audrain County horse men can't be downed.

The Dr. Jo. Kell and Mr. Hyde set won't work in Mexico politics.

The leading stock men are here and they are clever gentlemen.

Mexico, as we said at least once before, is the Lexington of Missouri.

Every citizen in Mexico is expected to assist in entertaining visitors this week.

Good stock and clever stock men are no where more appreciated than in Mexico.

Howard county shows up in the front ranks just as she does at a Democratic State Convention.

Work will be in progress on the Fleet Military Academy by March 1st and will be pushed to a finish at once.

Thomas McIntyre is spoken of as a sterling Democrat worthy to represent Audrain county in the Legislature.

Make it your business this week to drop into the stock men's headquarters at City Hall and assist in entertaining our guests.

We are authorized by Councilman B. L. Locke to announce that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for Mayor.

LADDIA is arranging to subscribe liberally to good roads. Audrain will soon have the very best roads in the State.

As will be seen from a card in this issue of the LEDGER I. J. Sims is a candidate for the Legislature as a Democrat and not as a Wheeler.

The annual horse sale is one of Mexico's solid institutions. It is to the interest of every citizen that it should succeed and grow every year.

The County Court should see to it that all fences are moved in off the right of way. The roads of this county are none too wide when not encroached on.

MAYOR BASSFORD is doing all he can to make visitors to Mexico welcome. He will be found on deck at the stockmen's headquarters during the week.

J. M. RILEY is a candidate for reelection as City Recorder. He will have no opposition, which plainly shows he is the man for the place. He is a clever gentleman, a sterling Democrat and an impartial, efficient officer.

While the County Court is working on the road matter it should issue a general order removing all fences from the road. Miles of fence is out of line and on county property, which should be removed at once.

PARTIES who sub-crib-ed for the rock road should pay up at once. As soon as the money subscribed is paid in, the county court will order the \$600 per mile paid. Call on W. O. Johnson and pay up before the March term of court.

I. J. SIMS is a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the rule and usages of the Democratic party. He is a representative, practical farmer and stock raiser, and will faithfully represent the interest of this class, if elected. He is honest, capable and would make an efficient officer.

Mrs. J. S. SMITH, wife of Rev. J. S. Smith, formerly pastor of the M. E. Church, South, of this city, was one of the leaders in the auction raid at Lathrop last week. She broke one hundred bottles of beer in one hundred seconds and then salted the liquor as it ran down the gutters so the gamblers could not drink it.

PHOEBE CUMMINS has been appointed to take the census of indebtedness for St. Louis. It is a mistake. She should have been appointed to gather vital statistics and especially to ascertain the age of the St. Louis women. Only a woman can make the proper allowance for difference.

This country press is at present engaged in singing the praises of Missouri, and its song is all the more gladsome because of the influential fact which pervades it.

An area of 65,000 square miles, 250,000 farms, a healthful and salubrious climate, undisputed by Missouri, neither on the border, 6,000 miles of railway, 900 miles of river frontage and a genuine boom in real estate values have made Missouri a happy, prosperous people.

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## MANUFACTURERS WANTED.

Mexico, The Place For Them.

Mr. J. G. Gill Heard From On The Subject.

To the Editor of the Ledger:

Mexico, Mo., Feb. 9.—Dear Sir: I have noticed, with pleasure, from time to time, your great zeal for the introduction of manufacturing establishments.

Your efforts have not heretofore been crowned with the success they deserve, nevertheless there is something to show for your labors. Your paper was the first to call attention to the existence of a valuable deposit of clay and coal in the neighborhood of our town and the result is a first class brick establishment of daily increasing importance.

In yesterday's St. Louis Republic it was announced that the N. O. Neil-on Manufacturing Company of that place was seeking a country location, and I ask space in the LEDGER to call special attention to that fact. This company is the largest and most successful of its class in the West. It employs a large force, has a large capital and enjoys a large and remunerative patronage. It is such an establishment as, if located here, would soon make a city of our town, and warrant the construction of a permanent canal line. It would not expect the people among whom it is located to furnish both plant and capital. All that a town like Mexico could do in that way would be to induce for such a concern to come here. What we have to point to is our location, community spirit with the four quarters of the compass by means of railroad, and the possibility of bringing in whatever may be needed and of carrying out whatever may be manufactured. It is possible that no effort can be made to secure this establishment and nevertheless I had with delight the satisfaction of seeing it located here.

I regard it as the pioneer of a manufacturing immigration from St. Louis to the interior of Missouri. I have been long expecting, for I could never imagine how many manufacturing could be conducted with greater success at St. Louis than at New York or Boston, from which places they have been forced to move to towns 30, 50 and 100 miles distant on railroad running into them. The importance of this for us to do is to continue to advance our town—keep the advantage before the public and let the money of the right kind know they will be received with open arms, and certainly the LEDGER has the honor of doing nobly in its commendable work.

J. M. RILEY.

Brave Women.

They Capture the Saloons and Paint the Town—The End Not Yet.

LATHROP, Mo., Feb. 8.—The ladies of this little town created more excitement yesterday afternoon than has been known here for years. About 200 of them visited the two saloons here and pillaged the liquor into the gutter and demolished the contents.

The town has been under local option rule for some time and the selling of liquors prohibited. Notwithstanding this fact, two saloons were run in open defiance, and the officers were indifferent to the fact.

The ladies have been discussing a method of ridding the town of the nuisance, and as a last resort resolved to begin a crusade. Accordingly yesterday afternoon they assembled at 2:30 o'clock and went directly to the saloon run by T. J. Goff and T. J. Ward. The liquor was seized and emptied into the gutter, while the assembled crowd went cheer after cheer.

Then the A. J. Carroll establishment was visited. He pleaded inability for his illicit ways. The drug stores were visited and a strong warning given that if the law was not obeyed they would share the same fate.

They have passed resolutions to go to Plattsburg this week and rail all the saloons there.

The saloon men are bringing civil suits against the bands of the ladies.

WOMEN OF LATHROP.

A Warrant Sworn Out for the Arrest of Forty-Five Women.

LATHROP, Mo., February 10.—The temperance crusade goes merrily on. A mass meeting was held this afternoon to determine in what manner the public regard the action of the women recently, in raiding the saloons that were doing business contrary to the provision of the local option law. Prominent among those present were found clergymen, representing many different denominations. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the course of action pursued by the women, and assuring them that they would in the future have the moral and financial support of the citizens of the county. The Rev. W. A. Crouch, in speaking of this resolution, said that there were certain occasions where mob law was justifiable. The raid upon the saloons was one of those occasions, and the women did perfectly right. If the men of the town did not have the courage to enforce the law, let them stay at home and read the books while their wives carried forward the work of the crusade. At the point the speakers had anticipated in the past, charging the men with the sin of inaction. The men were told that the women were not to be despised, and that they were to be treated as equals.

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## The County Book.

Mexico, Mo., Feb. 12.—The two

commentators in your last evening's LEDGER on the duty of the county court respecting roads and the encroachments upon the right of way by fences, attracted my attention. You seem to have fallen into the same error that many citizens and even road overseers (who especially should understand the road law) have, thinking that the county court has authority to remove these obstructions, after the county court has established a road and ordered the overseer to open the same. It (the county court) has no jurisdiction over that road or the overseer than they have over the running of railroad trains. The overseer takes an oath to faithfully perform his duty, and one of them is to keep the road free from obstructions—namely fencing. He also gives a bond for the faithful performance of his duty. The overseer is the man to go for if you know of any flagrant violations of the road law.

Yours,

J. V. WILLIAMS,

County Clerk.

Jeff. Chandler's Senatorial Platform.

The Senatorial situation is as

interesting as the situation of the

country. It is likely the canvas for the

senatorial campaign in Illinois, when

they contended for preferment

before the people direct. Col. J. F.

Chandler, now formally entered for

the senatorial succession, at the

following platform: (1) The next

legislature to be chosen without

instruction (2) Senatorial

candidates to announce themselves

publicly (3) No dictation from

party leaders, and no corruption

fund (4) Joint discussion of party

issues by senatorial candidates,

under the auspices of the State

Committee (5) The legislature to

elect the best man, and all candi-

dates to pledge themselves to

loyally abide the result. Col.

Chandler, who is a powerful and

persuasive stump speaker, desires

to speak in every county of the

State, and holds that, considering

the prevailing confusion of ideas

in economic issues, and the reduc-

tion of the Democratic majority in

Missouri as compared with 1884, a

joint discussion of Democratic

issues is a necessity and ought

to be brought about by the State

Committee, if the Senatorial

candidates will agree to such an ap-

proach to the people.

Mexico a Grand Town.

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